

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1107 with the following reductions:

The Sierra Nevada's are a valuable natural asset for all Californians. There is a bipartisan proposal pending in the Legislature to create a Sierra Nevada Conservancy that balances statewide values and local interests. I am deleting \$5 million of the \$9.15 million appropriation for the Sierra Nevada Cascade and sustaining \$4.15 million to assure that there are adequate resources to make the Sierra Nevada Conservancy a success when it is created. The remaining funding level more accurately reflects the actual amount that the Secretary will be able to expend in the 2004-05 fiscal year until the conservancy is fully implemented.

Additionally, I am deleting \$28.35 million of the \$38.35 million appropriations for the purpose of awarding grants related to River Parkways conservation programs. These reductions better reflect the actual amount that the Secretary will be able to expend in the 2004-05 fiscal year because the bill requires new program activities which will take time to implement.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger